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### The Bridges of Ivo Markovic

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| 1. Go to a map of Europe and find the city of Sarajevo. What country is it in?   |
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| 2. Find the city Zagreb. What country is it in?  |
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| 3. Why do you think that the author opens the biographical sketch of Ivo Markovic by talking about his habit of going for walks? |
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| 4. In the second paragraph we discover what Ivo Markovic believes is a dangerous force. What is it and why is it so dangerous?   |
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| 5. What does Markovic think can stop the cycle of escalation? Why?   |
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| 6. Why did his father disagree with the Communist regime?  |
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| 7. Why was Markovic attracted to the Franciscan monastic order?  |
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| 8. Why was Markovic so horrified by the men who held his monastery captive in Sarajevo?  |
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| 9. Did he decide to hate all Serbs (since his captors were Serbs)?   |
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| 10. When Markovic was released and went home, what did he do to try to stop the fighting?  |
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| 11. Why did Markovic feel like his job at the Christian Information Service was so important?                                    |
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| 12. In 1993, the Bosnian (Muslim) army killed Markovic's father and destroyed his hometown. Who did he blame and why?  |
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| 13. Only a few days after he found out his father was dead, Markovic organized a group of Catholics to visit a mosque. What is a mosque? Why might this have been a surprising reaction in light of his father's death?  |
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| 14. After the war, Markovic started a choir. What was unique about this choir?   |
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| 15. What does the <i>Pontanima</i> mean?   |
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| 16. What do you think Markovic means when he says, "Beautiful ideas have to be lived?"   |
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| 17. Empathy means the ability to identify with another's situation, feelings, or experiences. Describe two ways that Markovic used empathy.  |
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| 18. "I simply stopped acknowledging the boundaries that divide people and create phobias, and I felt called to cross those boundaries and to invite others to do so," explains Markovic. Was his empathy and boundary-crossing successful? What was the reaction of those in other groups? |
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